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### Recording Form for the Treatment of Litigants in Court

Court officials will provide you with a list of court proceedings to attend. Please complete the following information for each proceeding.

1. Observer Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Court Session Description (arraignment, plea, and sentencing)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_
4. Observation Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Observation End Time \_\_\_\_\_
5. Case Number (or litigants' names) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are unable to identify the case number or name of the litigant(s), record "Don't know" in the space provided.*

6. Please complete the following information about the litigants:

	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Litigant(s) 1	_____	_____	_____
Litigant(s) 2	_____	_____	_____
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Minority</b>	<b>Attorney</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>Nonminority</b>	<b>Self</b>

Please circle the appropriate number(s) for each of the following items:

7. Did the judge show appropriate sensitivity to the litigants (e.g., greet or acknowledge litigants at the start of the proceeding, establish eye contact with litigants if talking with them)? (Note: Appropriate sensitivity will vary with type of proceeding. For example, a judge is more likely to address a litigant directly at a sentencing proceeding and less likely during the fact-finding process.)

	Not at All		To Some Extent		A Great Deal
Litigant(s) 1	1	2	3	4	5
Litigant(s) 2	1	2	3	4	5

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8. How did the judge refer to the litigants when speaking about them?

Litigant(s) 1

- 1 Mr./Mrs./Ms.
- 2 First Name Only
- 3 Last Name Only
- 4 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 N/A

Litigant(s) 2

- 1 Mr./Mrs./Ms.
- 2 First Name Only
- 3 Last Name Only
- 4 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- N/A

9. Was the judge attentive to litigants' and their attorneys' questions during the proceedings?

	Never		Sometimes		Always		N/A
Litigant(s) 1	1	2	3	4	5		9
Litigant(s) 2	1	2	3	4	5		9

10. In general, how would you rate the judge's behavior toward the litigants during the proceedings? Please circle your response.

	Not at All Respectful				Extremely Respectful		N/A
Litigant(s) 1	1	2	3	4	5		9
Litigant(s) 2	1	2	3	4	5		9

11. Was the judge interrupted or distracted by activities in the courtroom while the hearing was in progress?

Not at All						Often
1	2	3	4	5		

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12. Did the judge or court employees appear confused about the nature of the law or proper procedure for the case being considered?

Not at all

Often

1

2

3

4

5

13. Did the judge, attorneys, or other courtroom officers exhibit any bias against one or both of the litigants based on race, sex, national origin, or religion?

Not at all

Often

1

2

3

4

5

14. Please add any additional comments you have about the treatment of litigants in court.